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For: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR REDUCING TONER USAGE IN PRINT OUTPUT

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- ☒ 5 No. of Sheets of Drawings Sheet(s) of drawings (☒ informal) + 0 extra copies;
- ☒ 26 pages of Application; 18 pages of specification, 1 page of abstract
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to International Business Machines Corporation. (___ Will follow.)
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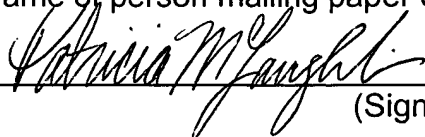
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